

Metis Colonies In Alberta Given Chance Of Security In Paddle Prairie District

One of the most progressive Metis colonies in Alberta is operated by the Alberta Government of Paddle Prairie, 135 miles north of Grinnath on the Michener Highway. From 400,000 acres of some of the richest farm land in Alberta, approximately 60 families, comprising 300 men, women, children, live, forming life while others find independence, material success and security.

A Metis, the French-Canadian, from the north of the Indian and Indian blood—can take up a quarter section of land in the Paddle Prairie district, which operates the colony. On this land, he can build his home and improve his land into an agricultural productive. When he feels that he can use more land, he can apply for another quarter of 240 acres. More land can be purchased from other Metis with government approval.

In the farming operations, the colony Metis are independent. They pay no taxes or charges on their land and the revenue from crops and livestock is entirely their own. The colony is not organized communally, although the Welfare department suggests a farm and recreation system, a store and lumber mill. Plans for a central government-owned post are available on a monthly daily rental basis for farmers without large equipment. The colony general store operates on a co-operative basis with all profits from sales going toward improvement of the colony's amenities. Operating on a straight cash basis, the store has total sales of approximately \$37,000 a year.

Welfare, wages, wages are paid to the Alberta government. The colony is not a government colony, but a Metis colony.

In addition to the revenue from independent farming operations, the Metis are paid for doing back the colony, such as timber operations, building the colony and community and doing the work on the colony.

Metis community has built entirely with local materials and labor, providing motives being with the older home in the colony operating the project.

A player with many provisions make for information from the community hall and the Metis of the colony. Dates are held in the community hall and during the school term, the hall doubling as a schoolroom during the day.

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Two other schools, brightly decorated and well-furnished, are located in the colony. One is a fine line school, and the other is a high school, grades through correspondence courses. Both the regular school and playgrounds with playground equipment is provided for all children. A large hall, with two women graduates of the Three Mills Institute make up the teaching staff.

The colony's lumbering operation is located in the north. The timber is cut from forested land within the colony, and is placed at the local mill. Four million feet of lumber has been sold during the last few years, much of it to lumber dealers at Yellowknife and other parts of the north.

A two-bed hospital, without a nurse in attendance, is available for members of the colony requiring medical attention. Simple drugs are administered by Jack Collins, a colony supervisor, with Dr. Mary Collins, a colony supervisor, at the River Port, acting as medical officer.

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However, a gradual improvement in the colony is evident. Many of the colony's residents have improved their homes by replacing the living area into rooms recently built. Many of the colony's residents have built new modern homes, the Adolphus Chausseur which would not look unusual in the city. Another fine home is that of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lariviere, an attractive cottage with a fully modern kitchen complete with icebox and heating system, and small living and dining rooms, simply but nicely furnished.

Horsemoot Loses Popularity

CALGARY.—Horsemoot has lost its appeal for western Canada. The western section of the annual Canadian Beef Producers' show that is held in Calgary, Alberta, and Vancouver in 1931, only three were operating early this year.

With high prices ruling the beef market, however, at savings of 30 to 40 cents a pound for dinner meat—offered a strong inducement to the show, but in most cases the show lost the demand.

Shows still operating when the Cattle and Horse Show Association met in Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton.

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Mounting Weed Control Problems Outlined At Municipal Convention

Weeds are estimated to inflict some amounting to \$40 million annually upon Manitoban farmers. It is Weed chairman of the Manitoba Weed Control Board stated at a meeting of the Union of Municipalities held recently in Winnipeg.

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Organized Hunt On Coyotes Staged In Alta.

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Never about in the direction of a school during school hours when children may be expected to be going to or from school, or in the vicinity of the branch.

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Golden Eagle Attacks Family

FORT ST. JOHN.—The family of Earl Polson, of Hudson's Hope, with Henry and small girl, Pat, Harley and Caroline—were attacked by a huge golden eagle when they went to Earl's mill a short distance from their home to work home from work with him.

The eagle attacked four times in all—the first encounter, when Polson and the children were on their way to the mill was when it killed Caroline who was being pushed along in a sleigh. She has a large scratch on the chest which is removing her scar.

Later, after pointing Earl at the mill, the same eagle attacked three times, circling and poisoning the five of them. Finally it struck Earl's big leg.

Weighing around 20 pounds, it had a wing spread of 50 inches and was considered an exceptionally large specimen. It is thought that hunger brought the eagle around the mill—such an attack is unheard of in these parts.

It took, however, the eagle's attack some years ago by Mr. Willis Curtis, then connected with the coal mine at the Hope by an owl. The attack occurred at night, but Mr. Curtis sustained serious injuries to his eyes which necessitated his removal to Edmonton and subsequent blindness.

Youngsters BINE TRAIL, B.C.—A hockey rink for children being constructed here at the present time. The rink, over the low surface is smaller, and will measure 100 by 60 feet, and walkways around it will accommodate several hundred people.

GOOD OATS FIELD PIMBACH, ALTA. D. N. Fodrich, district farmer, had a scare about 100 bushels to the acre in the 1930 crop.

Do You Know That . . . The earth moves around the sun at an average speed of 1,100 miles a minute.

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World Happenings In Pictures

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DECORATED—Mrs. Martha Batista, Cuba's First Lady, decorates Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower with the insignia of the Grand Cross of Honor and Merit of the Cuban Red Cross. Mrs. Batista, wife of Cuban President Fulgencio Batista, rode at the White House during her six-day visit to Washington.



FOSTER BOY—Three-year-old Delbert 'Dubby' Dales of Gooding, Ida., a police victim since Thanksgiving Day, 1949, will be seen on posters throughout the nation in January when the 1954 March of Dimes campaign is launched. Dubby was recently chosen by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to represent its fundraising campaign.



A BURN BOUND OF ROYAL DUTIES and activities kept Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh bow almost up to the recent departure time on their six-month round-the-world commonwealth tour. Bowing happily at left, the Queen receives a salute from a London policeman on her arrival at the Royal Institute Gallery in Grosvenor to view an exhibition by portrait painters.

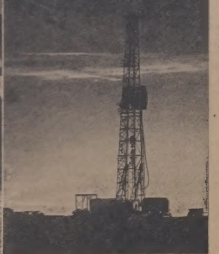


A BRACE FOR 'DUFFY'—'Duffy', a Chinese Pigeon, gets a reassuring pat from his three-year-old mistress, Nita Ann Jordan of Dallas, Tex., after completing a trial run in his new, home-made brace. The dog must wear the brace because of a recent spinal ailment that paralyzed his back legs.

Grain Farming Area of Virden Now "Oil Centre" of Manitoba

VIRIDEN, Man.—Two years ago this was a quiet, well-to-do agricultural community in the middle of a grain farming area. Today it is a bustling little community that is calling itself the "Oil Centre" of Manitoba. With one oil field almost on its doorstep and another within a few miles, Virden is experiencing what it calls "oil prosperity". And the signs are plain to see. Main streets are being torn up as large excavating machines gouge out trenches for new sanitary sewers. High above the town rises a new water tower, part of the water works system being installed. New business buildings are going up and new homes are being built.

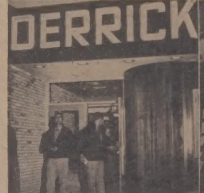
Along No. 1 Highway new garages, service stations and motels are nearing completion. Downtown is a new movie house, named appropriately enough "The Derrick". Virden citizens became oil conscious in 1930 when the nearby field was discovered almost on the outskirts of the town. Already the new field has six producing wells, the wellheads of which can be seen from the town. One of the most recent wells brought into production was Imperial Oil's Virden 8-28 on the 325-acre farm of William C. Skinner, about one mile northwest of the town. Mr. Skinner held the mineral rights for his farm, but some little time ago he sold half of them to a syndicate of Virden businessmen. The royalties on the Skinner well production amount to one barrel of oil in eight.



TYPICAL OF VIRIDEN'S "changing scene" is the excavation of Virden's main street, where sanitary sewers are being installed, shown above on the left. On the right is a rotary drilling rig set hoisted against the skyline just outside of the town. When this well is "drilled up" the rig will be moved to another location.



The above (left) picture shows Mr. and Mrs. William C. Skinner, and five-year-old daughter, Claudia, inspecting a crude oil storage tank on their farm, which is the location of the Imperial Virden No. 8-28 well, a mile northwest of the town. On the right above Mr. Skinner and Claudia, looking at a new kind of Christmas tree, a "wellhead". Mr. Skinner owns the mineral rights on his farm.



Above (left) shows oil men emerging from a night show at Virden's new theatre, which is appropriately named "The Derrick". On the right can be seen the oil field equipment located in the town. In the foreground are pumps used to bring oil up from the production zone to the earth's surface. In the background, workers are assembling a crude oil storage tank.



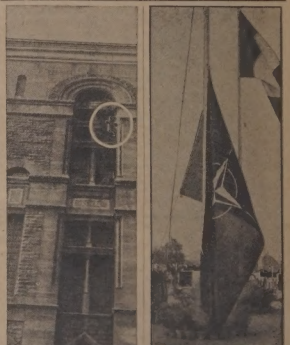
TAXED COMPLAINER—Sixty-five-year-old Rudolf Emmannsson is a familiar figure to folk in and around Copenhagen, Denmark. Too rich to worry too much to help or rent a horse—according to local gossip—Emmannsson wanders over the countryside declaring all who will listen to his complaints about high taxes. All his worldly possessions are tied to the handlebars of his bike and a trailer.



ALLIE GIRLS ARE DOMINION CHAMPIONS—Pictured here are Misses Wanda Waddy and Betty Stone—members of the Allie, Allie, 4-H foot club team—who were Canadian honorees in 4-H club competitions held in conjunction with the Toronto Winter Fair. Miss Waddy is 18 years of age and Miss Stone, 16. The two girls were given a large community reception by the Allie residents on their return home.



RELEASED FROM REEDS—Sister Rose Ima, left, of Ham Nord, Que., and Sister Jean Dumes, of Chateaufort, Que., arrived at Hong Kong recently, after serving three years in a Red Chinese prison for allegedly "stealing the death of 2,000 prisoners by their bad treatment." They were arrested in Sept. 1949, and brought to trial on charges of "being spies for America." When their prison terms expired they were escorted to the border from their mission in Kowloon by two guards.



FLAG OF HOPE—NATO's new blue-and-white flag rises for the first time during the recent Atlantic Exposition in Paris, France. A blue field, symbolizing the Atlantic Ocean forms the background for a silver compass rose, evoked at the common sense of NATO member nations. The flag is hoisted in the French national flag.

EFFECTIVE—A teddy bear, which shows away slightly in the breeze at a precautionary position from the end of its rope, suspended from the roof of a Montreal church. His task—to keep away bulling pigeons.

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A Prosperous New Year
To all its Readers

CHRISTMAS, 1953

Christmas is the richest event in the world's calendar—a warm, cheerful, inspiring festival, strengthening our way into the new year. At the heart of winter it glows with freight, candlelight and starlight.

At the first Christmas, wise men came from afar, guided to Bethlehem, by a star. How different history might be if the leaders of our world and the ordinary man were stirred by the spirit of the crib to ambitions other than personal power and national expansion. How different if people and nations everywhere accepted the guidance of God as Joseph and Mary accepted it, and the shepherds—and the wise men.

Christmas in Canada is especially a season of goodwill. Emotionally, we are generally conservative, and feel hesitant in showing what might be considered

a soft sort of sentimentality, but in the Christmas spirit, we do our best to express that goodwill which we feel. So we mail Christmas cards to our friends,—we give presents to those nearest and dearest to us,—we visit our relatives, or have them visit us. We decorate our homes with symbols to add to the Christmas spirit, we decorate our stores to spread the Christmas feeling.

Spiritual values must find material expression. Goodwill, love, charity and even religion are things of the spirit. Our individual methods of expressing goodwill may be different. To some it will be an affectionate kiss, to others the clasp of a hand, the sparkle in the eye, the smile on the cheek, and many times it will be the hearty greeting, "Merry Christmas," in words or print.

Santa Claus with his jolly smile, is the personified symbol of the spirit of Christmas, the season of Goodwill.

Local and District

W. D. Fitzsimmons, of Calgary was a visitor in Delia on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Battle and family, accompanied by Hardy Friedley in the latter's car, motored to Vailcourt for the Christmas holiday last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson and family motored to Vancouver Monday evening.

Misses Nora and Wilma Gibson, who are attending the University of British Columbia, are spending Xmas with their parents in Delia.

Ray Schoeppe and Ken Fulton, of Delia, who have been attending school at Red Deer, are spending the holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lavers and family motored to Vancouver last Sunday to spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Darlene Williams is a patient in Drumheller hospital, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

More reasonable weather occurred over the week end, with a fall of light snow. Temperatures during the night have been around zero, with 20 above about mid-day.

Messrs Larkin and Isaac, Massey-Harris Agents, put on a turkey dinner for their staff last Friday evening. A pleasant time was spent playing games and cards. Everyone came away thinking their hosts, and wishing them the comps. of the season.

Stan, Larson again this year has erected the usual Xmas tree on Main Street at Second Ave. Lighted at nights with colored electric bulbs, along with village streamers, all give a pleasing and seasonable effect.

W. B. Seward, who had been suffering for a long time from a lingering illness, died at his farm home on Friday, December 18th. Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at 2:30, from the Inter-Denominational Church with burial in Delia cemetery.

Cards of Thanks

We wish to extend sincere thanks to our many friends in Delia for cards, and kind expressions of sympathy during our recent bereavement.

The Martin Family and Margaret.

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Joan Beaton.

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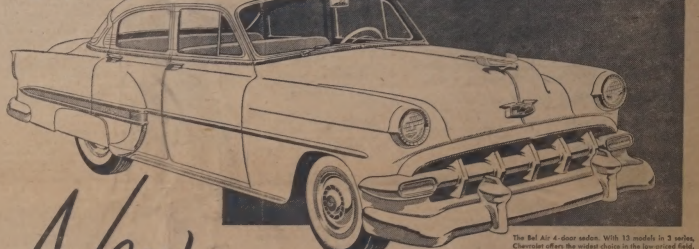
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